Dear Lieutenant Governor Lee:

It has been traditional to have several bill signings at intervals following adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The volume of bills which must be acted upon necessitates this action.

Mr. Wilner has advised me that there are approximately 420 bills and Joint Resolutions that have been reviewed by him and by the Attorney General, and are appropriate for signature. A list of these Bills and Resolutions is attached. I am advised that Tuesday, May 17, 1977, at about 10:00 a.m. is convenient for you, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the President of the Senate, and other necessary parties to have a bill signing. "Infortunately, due to illness, I will be unable to perform the Constitutional duty to sign bills on that day.

In accordance with Article II, Section 6(b) of the Constitution of Maryland, I hereby notify you that I will be unable, because of my illness, to perform the particular duty of my office of signing bills on the attached list on Tuesday, May 17, 1977; and you shall therefore serve as Acting Governor for that purpose between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on that day.

Sincerely, Marvin Mandel Governor

May 26, 1977

Honorable Blair Lee, III Lieutenant Governor of Maryland State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Lieutenant Governor Lee:

The last oill signing following the 1977 regular session of the General Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 1977 at 3:00 p.m.

I have reviewed all of the hills passed by the General Assembly that have not yet been signed and have decided to veto a number of them. The remaining bills, a list of which is attached to this letter, should be signed.

Unfortunately, due to illness, I will be unable to perform the Constitutional duty of signing bills on May